

**PATENT**  
**Customer No. 63432**  
**Attorney Docket No. 09138.0073**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	)	
M. Key et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
	)	
Application No.: 10/539,561	)	Examiner: Jyoti Nagpaul
	)	
Filed: June 16, 2005	)	
	)	
For: ENHANCED SCHEDULING	)	Confirmation No.: 9270
SAMPLE PROCESSING SYSTEM	)	
AND METHODS OF BIOLOGICAL		
SLIDE PROCESSING		

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper  
beginning at page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.